The Incomplete Guide to Federal Reserve Bank Coin Bags

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Part I, The Generic Bags

The Federal Reserve Banks have used a series of cloth bags in a dozen sizes to ship coins. These do not include the name of a specific bank. At the top is a size designation A through O. The text is the same but varies with the size of the bag.

Most have an MCI logo on the back and name of McDowell Industries Inc. / Memphis, Tennessee 38101.

OPEN CAREFULLY

DO NOT CUT

PLEASE RETURN BAG

TO THE

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

Examples Seen:









SIZE - C

OPEN CAREFULLY

DO NOT CUT

PLEASE RETURN BAG

TO THE











FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BAGS

- SIZE A / OPEN CAREFULLY / <u>DO NOT CUT</u> / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK // [logo] [6 x 14.75 in. eBay 3-23]
- SIZE B / OPEN CAREFULLY / DO NOT CUT / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
- SIZE C / OPEN CAREFULLY / <u>DO NOT CUT</u> / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK // CADY / MEMPHIS, TN 38120 [9 x 15 in. eBay 3-23]
- SIZE C / OPEN CAREFULLY / $\underline{DO\ NOT\ CUT}$ / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK // \underline{McI} / $\underline{McDowell\ Industries\ inc.}$ / $\underline{Memphis}$, $\underline{Tennessee\ 38101}$ [9 x 15 in. PCS]
- SIZE D / OPEN CAREFULLY / <u>DO NOT CUT</u> / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK // *McI* / McDowell Industries inc. / Memphis, Tennessee 38101 [11 x 17 in. eBay 3-23]
- SIZE E / OPEN CAREFULLY / <u>DO NOT CUT</u> / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK // *McI* / McDowell Industries inc. / MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38101 [12 x 19 in. PCS]
- SIZE E / OPEN CAREFULLY / <u>DO NOT CUT</u> / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK // *McI* / McDowell Industries inc. / Semmes Bag Division
- SIZE E / OPEN CAREFULLY / $\underline{00\ NOT\ CUT}$ / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / NA- 1004 / 8419
- SIZE G / OPEN CAREFULLY / <u>DO NOT CUT</u> / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK // *McI* / McDowell Industries inc. / Memphis, Tennessee 38101 / RH [11.75 x 28.25 in. eBay 3-23]
- SIZE H / OPEN CAREFULLY / <u>DO NOT CUT</u> / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK // *McI* / McDowell Industries inc. / MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38101 [12 x 28 in.]
- SIZE J / OPEN CAREFULLY / <u>DO NOT CUT</u> / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK // *McI* / McDowell Industries inc. / Memphis, Tennessee 38101 [16 x 34 in. eBay 3-23}
- SIZE K / OPEN CAREFULLY / <u>DO NOT CUT</u> / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK // *McI* / McDowell Industries inc. / Memphis, Tennessee 38101 [29 x 30 in. eBay 3-23]
- SIZE L / OPEN CAREFULLY / <u>DO NOT CUT</u> / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK // *McI* / McDowell Industries inc. / Memphis, Tennessee 38101
- SIZE M/ OPEN CAREFULLY / <u>DO NOT CUT</u> / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK // CADY / MEMPHIS, TN 38120 [8 X 15.5 in.]
- SIZE M/ OPEN CAREFULLY / <u>DO NOT CUT</u> / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK // *McI* / McDowell Industries inc. / Memphis, Tennessee 38101
- SIZE N / OPEN CAREFULLY / <u>DO NOT CUT</u> / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK // *McI* / McDowell Industries inc. / Memphis, Tennessee 38101 [23 x 32 in. eBay 3-23]
- SIZE 0 / OPEN CAREFULLY / <u>DO NOT CUT</u> / PLEASE RETURN BAG / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK [12 x 29 in. eBay 3-23]

Varieties

Size E is the size most frequently seen on eBay. This photo shows how the imprint may be in different positions on a bag.

Both were done by MCI, but one is marked Semmes Bag Division and the other with Memphis, Tennessee 38101.



Bags have a makers' name imprinted on the back. Listings on eBay frequently do not have images of the back. In these cases, it is not possible to identify the logo without seeing the bag in hand.

The Semmes Bag Company name was changed to McDowell Industries Inc. about 1972. The Semmes Bag Division was created at that time. The company was out of business by 1998.

The name of McDowell Industries Inc. was changed to Cady Industries Inc. in 1998.









Bag Sizes

The Generic Bags - Size A through 0

The generic bags are marked with sizes A through O although F and I are not represented with bags seen on eBay. Size-E is the size most frequently seen by far.

A group of 58 bags seen had these sizes:

A-1, B-1, C-3, D-5, E-36, G-1, H-3, J-4, K-1, M-1, N-1, O-1.

Out of 44 bags where dimensions are noted, either by measurement or description, 31 of those bags are marked Size-E. Of those Size-E bags, fourteen are listed as 12 x 19 inches. The remaining seventeen bags are noted with eleven different sets of dimensions.

In general, bag size increases with each letter from left to right. There are anomalies. Dimensions for Size-G and Size-H are nearly identical.

Several bags are known by only a single example so size variations cannot be determined.

City Name Bags

Some city name bags are marked with numbers while others are marked with letters. Dimensions for bags with letter codes do not match dimensions of the generic bags with the same letter.

Sizes were noted for 71 bags with city names and they came in 55 different sizes from 5×9.5 inched up to 18×30 inches. Some duplication of sizes may have represented multiple examples of the same bag. There were only eight examples of the same size used in two or more cities.

The sample size is too small to indicate any standard sizes or sizes used across the districts. Examples seen on eBay are great for identifying varieties but poor for determining quantities. The same bag may be listed for a long time or relisted after a short time.

In 2023, the Alabama Bag Company offers canvas coin and currency bags in these nine sizes. They fall within the range of sizes seen on the Federal Reserve Bank bags.

They also offer the clear plastic bags used currently in coin counting machines.

Bag No.	Silver	Width x Depth
No. 3	\$100.00	5 1/2" x 9 1/2"
No. 5	\$200.00	6 1/4" x 11"
No. 6	\$250.00	6 1/2" x 13"
No. 7	\$500.00	8 1/2" x 14"
No. 7B	\$500.00	10" x 16"
No. 7C	\$500.00	9" x 17 1/2"
No. 8B	\$1000.00	11" × 17 1/2"
No. 9	\$1000.00	12" x 19"
No. 11	\$5000.00 Bills	14" x 28"

Part II: Federal Reserve Banks, Cities, Alphabetical

Atlanta FRB - 6

Examples Seen:

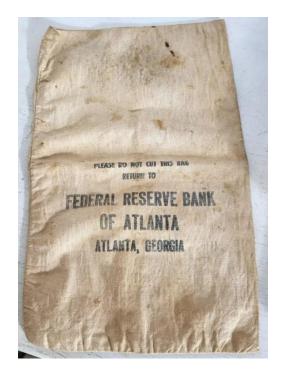
DO NOT CUT THIS BAG RETURN TO FEDERAL RESERVE BANK ATLANTA, GEORGIA No 5R.

Size 12 x 27 inches [eBay 12-24]



PLEASE DO NOT CUT THIS BAG RETURN TO FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Size: 8.5 x 13 inches [eBay 12-24[



Atlanta FRB - 6

Example seen:

RETURN TO

MAIL ROOM

FEDERAL RESERVE

BANK OF ATLANTA

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

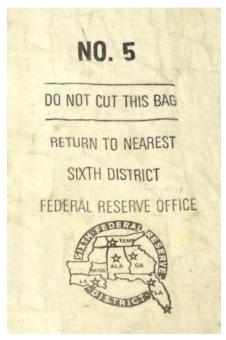


This label does not mention Atlanta and suggests that such bags could be used in any of the Atlanta branch locations.

Examples seen:

NO. 3. / DO NOT CUT THIS BAG / RETURN TO NEAREST / SIXTH DISTRICT / FEDERAL RESERVE OFFICE / [LOGO] [eBay 4-23]

NO. 5. / DO NOT CUT THIS BAG / RETURN TO NEAREST / SIXTH DISTRICT / FEDERAL RESERVE OFFICE / [LOGO]



Baltimore Branch of Richmond FRB





Examples Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / BALTIMORE BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / BALTIMORE, MD / NO. 5 [8 x 15 in. eBay 3-23]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / BALTIMORE BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / BALTIMORE, MD / NO. 9 $[8.5 \times 15 \text{ in. eBay } 3-23]$

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / BALTIMORE BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / BALTIMORE, MD / NO. 12A [10 x 18 in. eBay 3-23]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / BALTIMORE BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / BALTIMORE, MD / NO. 25

Birmingham Branch of Atlanta FRB

Example Seen:

No. 5R.
DO NOT CUT THIS BAG
RETURN TO
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA

Image from eBay 3-23.

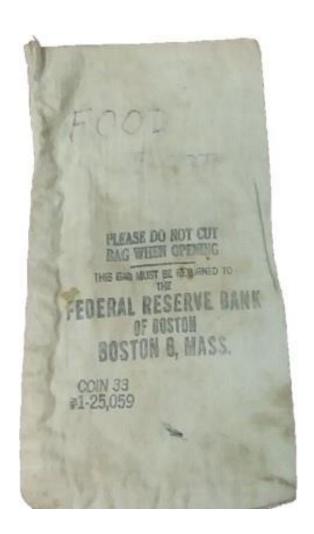
Also seen: No 4; eBay 12-24

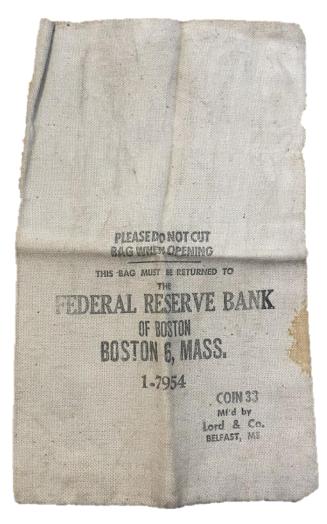


No bag has been seen from these branches of the Federal Reserve.

El Paso Branch of Dallas FRB
Helena Branch of Minneapolis FRB
Houston Branch of Dallas FRB
Los Angeles Branch of San Francisco FRB
Miami Branch of Atlanta FRB
Oklahoma City Branch of Kansas City FRB
Portland Branch of San Francisco FRB
Salt Lake City Branch of San Francisco FRB
San Antonio Branch of Dallas FRB
Seattle Branch of San Francisco FRB

Boston FRB - 1





Examples Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT / CUT BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF BOSTON / BOSTON 6, MASS / COIN 30 A / 1-15,104 (11.5 x 19 in. eBay 5-23]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED TO / THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF BOSTON / BOSTON 6, MASS / COIN 33 / #1-25,059 $[5 \times 9.75 \text{ in. eBay } 3-23]$

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED TO / THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF BOSTON / BOSTON 6, MASS /1-7954 / COIN 33 / MF'd by / Lord & Co. / BELFAST, MS [6 x 10 in. eBay 3-23]

Boston FRB - 1

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG WHEN OPENING

HIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED
TO THE

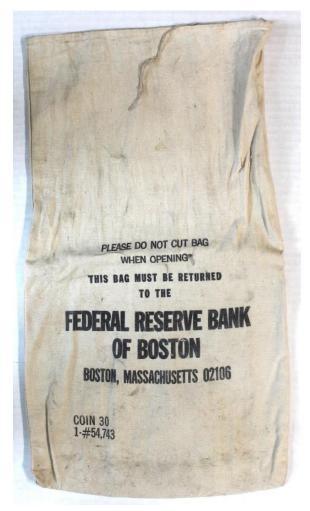
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF BOSTON
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02106

COIN 30 1-#54.743

Examples Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF BOSTON / BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02106 / COIN 30A/1-01114

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF BOSTON / BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02106 / COIN 30A / 14252 (11 x 24 in. eBay 6-23)



PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF BOSTON / BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02106 / COIN 30 / 1-#54,734 [11 x 20 in. PCS*]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF BOSTON / BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02106 / COIN 30 / #1-73,959

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF BOSTON / BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02106 / COIN 30A / 1-#80.484 [10.5 x 23 in. PCS]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED / TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF BOSTON / BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02106 / COIN 33 / Mf'd by / Lord & Co. / BELFAST, MS [eBay]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED TO / THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF BOSTON / BOSTON, MASS. / Coin 50 / #1-46267

*Photo from bag in Author's collection. There are small variations in type fonts and sizes.

Additional numbers seen **COIN 30A / 1-#89,172** (10 x 21 eBay 5-23)

Boston FRB - 1

PLEASE DO NOT

CUT BAG WHEN OPENING

THIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED

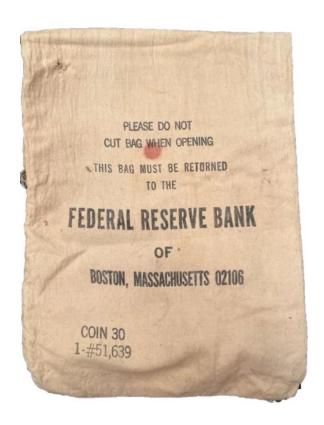
TO THE

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

0F

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02106

COIN 30 1-#51639



Buffalo Branch of the New York FRB

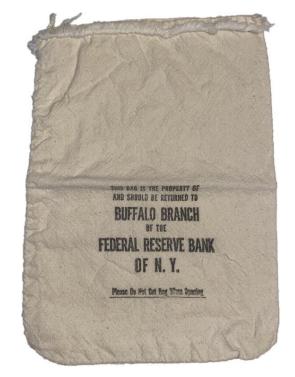
The Buffalo Branch of the New York Federal Reserve Bank closed in October 2008.

Example Seen:

THIS BAG IS THE PROPERTY OF AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO BUFFALO BRANCH OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF N. Y.

Please Do Not Cut Bag When Opening

Image from eBay 3-23.



Example Seen:

THIS BAG IS PROPERTY OF AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO BUFFALO BRANCH OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG WHEN OPENING

Image from eBay 3-23.



Buffalo Branch of the New York FRB

Example Seen:

THIS BAG IS THE PROPERTY OF AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO BUFFALO BRANCH FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG WHEN OPENING

Image from eBay 5-23.



Buffalo Branch of the New York FRB - Red

Example Seen:

RETURN TO
BUFFALO BRANCH
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK

This bag was included in an eBay lot with four other bags.



Charlotte Branch of Richmond FRB

Example Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT

BAG WHEN OPENING

RETURN TO

CHARLOTTE BRANCH

Federal Reserve Bank

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

NO.12

Photo of bag in author's collection 3-23 [11.5 x 23 in.]





Example seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG WHEN OPENING

RETURN TO
CHARLOTTE BRANCH
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
NO. 4

At bottom of reverse:

SEMMES BAG DIVISION
McDOWELL INDUSTRIES, INC.
MEMPHIS, TENN.

Chicago FRB - 7, Black





Examples Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / \underline{BAG} WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO . CHICAGO . ILL. / FORM 5-340 5M 10-18-65 5921

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO. ILL. / DEPT. 05-04 / FORM 5-152 6-68 27495 (26.5 in. eBay 5-23)

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO. ILL. / FORM 5-340 15 M 3-5-68 25464 (18 in. eBay 5-23)

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO . CHICAGO . ILL. / FORM 5-340 30M 2-18-71 5827 (eBay 6-23)

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / \underline{BAG} WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO . CHICAGO . ILL. / FORM 5-340 50M 11-27-72 19127 // S/MP (10.5 x 19.25 eBay 6-23)

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO . CHICAGO . ILL. / FORM 5-340 60M 7-3-73 24088

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO . CHICAGO . ILL. / FORM 5-340 60M 4-9-75 38430 $[10 \times 19 \text{ in.}]$

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO. ILL. / DEPT. 05-04 / FORM 5-125 1-66 8218 (14 in. eBay 5-23)

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO. ILL. / FORM 5-185 30M 14-28-67 18584

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / \underline{BAG} WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO. ILL. / DEPT. 05-05 / FORM 5-337 20M 9-15 37129 [9 x 18 IN, PCS]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO. ILL. / 5-337 // S/MP $[9.25 \times 17 \text{ IN}. PCS]$

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / \underline{BAG} WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO. ILL. / COIN / FORM 5-340 35M 11-19-57 B31527 [$10.5x\ 20\ IN.\ PCS$]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO . ILL / DEPT. 05-04 / FORM 5-152 4-75 38440

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGI, ILL. / 05-05 / FORM 5-337 20M 9-15 37125



Chicago FRB - 7, Red



Examples Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO , ILL. / DEPT 05-06 / FORM 5-485 50M 5-10-65 2848 [8.25 X 14-5 in. eBay 3-23]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO , ILL. / FORM $5-485\ 25M\ 11-9-65\ 6422$

Chicago FRB - 7, Coin

Please do not cut bag
when opening
THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO
FEDERAL
RESERVE BANK
OF CHICAGO
CHICAGO, ILL.
COIN

FORM 5 -135C 50M 3-7-42 B-14201



Chicago FRB - 7, Coin





Examples Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO. ILL. / COIN / FORM 5-319 25M 9-25-57 B-30401 [eBay 3-23]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO, ILL. / COIN / FORM 5-340 35M 11-19-57 B31527 [10.5 X 20 in. PCS*]

^{*}Photo of bag in author's collection.

Chicago FRB - 7, Wrapped Coin



Examples Seen:

Includes at least three minor varieties.

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / <u>BAG WHEN OPENING</u> / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / **FEDERAL RESERVE BANK** / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO. ILL. / DEPT. 05-06 / FORM 5-485 50M 5-10-85 2849

PLEASE DO NOT CUT <u>BAG WHEN OPENING</u> / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / **FEDERAL** / **RESERVE BANK** / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO. ILL. / $WRAPPED\ COIN$ / FORM 5-485 35M 11-16-60 -21518

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO. ILL. / WRAPPED COIN / FORM 5-484 9-21-61 28506

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / \underline{BAG} WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO. ILL. / $\underline{WRAPPED}$ COIN / FORM 5-485 50M 8-29-62 36145

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO. ILL. / WRAPPED COIN / FORM 5-485 50M 8-8-63 43585 [8.25 X 16 in. PCS]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / \underline{BAG} WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO. ILL. / Wrapped Coin / FORM 5-485 50M 7-13-64 51003 [8.25 X 16 in. PCS]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / \underline{BAG} WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO. ILL. / Wrapped Coin / FORM 6-405 50M 7-15-84 51903

Chicago FRB - 7, Currency





Examples Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO. ILL. / CURRENCY / FORM 5-136 B-36884 3-15-33 7500 [eBay 4-23]

Please do not cut bag / when opening / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO. ILL. / CURRENCY / FORM 5-138 = 5M 11-1-47 R-6397 [$eBay\ 12-24$]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO, ILL. / CURRENCY / FORM 5-203 4M 7-1-55 / B13305

PLEASE DO NOT CUT/BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO, ILL. / CURRENCY / FORM 5-203 10M 10-5-55 / B14972 [8.25×12.5 in. eBay 4-23]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT/BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / CHICAGO, ILL. / CURRENCY / FORM 5-185 30M 6-60 18397 (eBay 6-23)

Cincinnati Branch of Cleveland FRB

This bag is marked with graffiti, which is commonly seen on used bags.

Example Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG WHEN OPENING THIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED TO

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK CINCINNATI BRANCH

CINCINNATI, OHIO 46201

CY-E 1M-2-68



Also Seen:

PLEASE RETURN / TO / CINCINNATI BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CLEVELAND

NO. 1 / PLEASE RETURN / TO / CINCINNATI BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / CINCINNATI 1, OHIO

Cincinnati Branch of Cleveland FRB

PLEASE DO NOT CUT
BAG WHEN OPENING
THIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED TO THE

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

OF

CINCINNATI 1, OHIO

CY-B 2½M-10-6



Cleveland FRB - 4

Example Seen:

RETURN TO
FEDERAL RESERVE
BANK OF CLEVELAND
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44101

CY-8-5C-3-76

Image from eBay 3-23.



Also Seen:

NO 2 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CLEVELAND / CLEVELAND, OHIO 44101

Cleveland FRB - 4

NO. 1

PLEASE RETURN TO FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CLEVELAND CLEVELAND, OHIO 44101

[Size 11.25 x 22.25 in. eBay 12-24]



Cleveland FRB - 4

Example Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG WHEN OPENING
THIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED TO THE

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK CLEVELAND, OHIO 44101





NO. 2

PLEASE DO NOT CUT

<u>BAG WHEN OPENING</u>

THIS BAG MUST BE RETURNED TO

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF CLEVELAND
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44101

[Size 11 x 17 inches; eBay 12-24]

Dallas FRB - 11



Examples Seen:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF DALLAS / No. 1 [13.75 x 22 in. eBay 3-23]

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF DALLAS / No. 2 [eBay 4-23]

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF DALLAS / No. 3 [8 x 15 in. eBay 3-23]

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF DALLAS, / No. 3 [8 x 15 in. comma after DALLAS]

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF DALLAS / No. 6 [10 x 14 in. PCS]

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF DALLAS / No. 11 [12.5 x 23 in. eBay 3-23]

No. 11 / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF DALLAS / (12 x 25 in. eBay 6-23)

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF DALLAS / No. 13 [Described as Large on eBay 3-23]

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF DALLAS / No. 16 [8 x 13 in. eBay 3-23]

Denver Branch of Kansas City FRB

Example Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT
THIS BAG WHEN OPENING

RETURN TO

DENVER BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF KANSAS CITY

DENVER, COLORADO 80217

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Image from eBay 3-23.

Also seen as size 7.



Example Seen:

DO NOT CUT THIS BAG

RETURN TO DENVER BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF KANSAS CITY

DENVER, COLORADO 5

Image from eBay 3-23.



Denver Branch of Kansas City FRB

Example Seen:

RETURN TO
DENVER BRANCH
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF KANSAS CITY
DENVER, COLORADO
3-C

(8 x 17.5 in. Seen on eBay 6-23)





RETURN TO
DENVER BRANCH
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

OF KANSAS CITY DENVER. COLORADO 10

[Seen on eBay 12-24]

Detroit Branch of Chicago FRB



Examples Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48231 / FORM 5-185 [13 X 18.5 in. PCS*] *Photo of bag in Author's collection.

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48231 / FORM 5-139 $[10 \times 27 \text{ in. eBay } 12\text{-}24]$

Detroit Branch of Chicago FRB - Coin

Examples Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / DETROIT BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / DETROIT 31. MICHIGAN / COIN / FORM 5-185 [eBay 3-23]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / DETROIT BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / DETROIT 31. MICHIGAN / COIN / FORM 5-192 [eBay 3-23]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / DETROIT BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / DETROIT 31. MICHIGAN / COIN / FORM 5-193 [eBay 3-23]





PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / DETROIT BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / DETROIT. MICHIGAN 4823 / COIN / FORM 5-192

Detroit Branch of Chicago FRB, Currency



Example Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / DETROIT BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF CHICAGO / DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48231 / CURRENCY / FORM 5-185 15M-11-28-86-30734 [eBay 3-23]

Detroit Branch of Chicago FRB, Bonds



Example Seen:

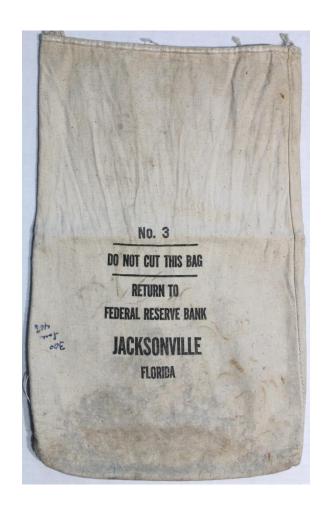
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Jacksonville Branch of Atlanta FRB

Basic lettering .5 inch.

JACKSONVILLE .75 inch.

SEMMES on reverse .125 inch.



Example Seen:

No. 3 / DO NOT CUT THIS BAG / RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / JACKSONVILLE / FLORIDA // SEMMES BAG / MEMPHIS $[12 \times 19.5 \text{ in. PCS}^*]$ *Photo of bag in author's collection.

No example on eBay in March 2023.

Kansas City FRB - 10

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG WHEN OPENING THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

OF KANSAS CITY KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 84198

В

RETURN TO

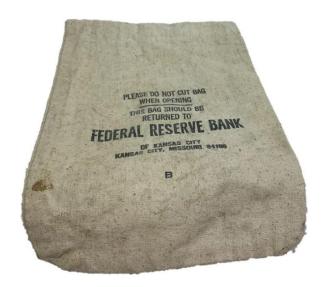
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

OF KANSAS CITY

3

[Size 9 x 14 in. eBay 12-24]







RETURN TO
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
KANSAS CITY
2

Also seen:

RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / KANSAS CITY / 3

Kansas City FRB - 10





Examples Seen:

RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF KANSAS CITY. / 2 [6 x 13.25 in. eBay 3-23]

RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF KANSAS CITY. / 3 [eBay 4-23]

Return To / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF KANSAS CITY / 3 [9.5 x 14 in. eBay 3-23]

RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF KANSAS CITY. / 8 [12 x 18 in. eBay 12-24]

RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF KANSAS CITY / 9 [18 x 30 in. eBay 12-24]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / THIS BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE / BANK / OF KANSAS CITY / NO. 2 [eBay]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / THIS BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF KANSAS CITY / 3 [9.5 x 15 in. PCS*] *Photo of bag in author's collection.

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / THIS BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF KANSAS CITY / 9 [19 in. wide, eBay 4-23]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / THIS BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF KANSAS CITY / 10 [eBay 12-24]

Little Rock Branch of St. Louis FRB





Examples Seen:

12-57 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / LITTLE ROCK BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST.LOUIS,MO / LITTLE ROCK, ARK / D [7.25 x 11.5 in. eBay 3-23]

6-86 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT NAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / LITTLE ROCK BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST. LOUIS / P.O. BOX 1231 / LITTLE ROCK, ARK 72203 / K [eBay 12-24]

Louisville Branch of St. Louis FRB

Examples Seen:

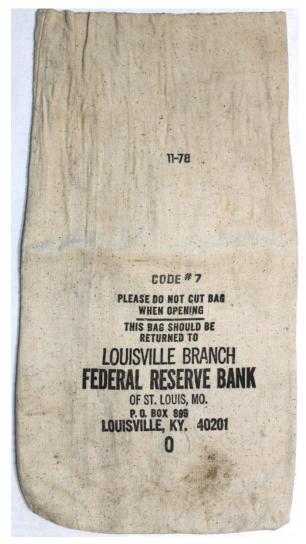
Includes minor varieties.

7-64 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / LOUISVILLE BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST, LOUS, MO. / LOUISVILLE, KY. 40201 / S [eBay 3-23]

4-67 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / LOUISVILLE BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST, LOUS, MO. / LOUISVILLE, KY. 40201 / K [eBay 3-23]

2-71/ PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / LOUISVILLE BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST, LOUS, MO. / P. O. BOX 899 / LOUISVILLE, KY. 40201 / 0 [eBay 3-23]

10-71/ PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / LOUISVILLE BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / 0FST, LOUS, MO. / P. O. BOX 899 / LOUISVILLE, KY. 40201 / j [eBay 3-23]



10-71 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / LOUISVILLE BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / 0F ST, LOUS, MO. / P. O. BOX 899 / LOUISVILLE, KY. 40201 / S [eBay 12-24]

6-72 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / LOUISVILLE BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST, LOUS, MO. / P. O. BOX 899 / LOUISVILLE, KY. 40201 / j [eBay 3-23]

7-72 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / LOUISVILLE BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST, LOUS, MO. / P. O. BOX 899 / LOUISVILLE, KY. 40201 / J

6-73 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / LOUISVILLE BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST, LOUS, MO. / P. O. BOX 899 / LOUISVILLE, KY. 40201 / D [7.25 x 12.5 in. eBay 3-23]

11-75 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / LOUISVILLE BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST, LOUS, MO. / P. O. BOX 899 / LOUISVILLE, KY. 40201 / K

11-78 / CODE #7 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / LOUISVILLE BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST, LOUS, MO. / P. O. BOX 899 / LOUISVILLE, KY. 40201 / 0 [9.5 X 17.5 in. PCS*]

^{*}Photo of bag in author's collection.

Memphis Branch of St. Louis FRB



Examples Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / MEMPHIS BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST. LOUIS, MO / P. O. BOX 407 / MEMPHIS, TENN. 38101 / M [eBay 3-23]

10-71 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / MEMPHIS BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST. LOUIS, MO / P. O. BOX 407 / MEMPHIS, TENN. 38101 / 0 [7 X 12 in. eBay 3-23]

10-71 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / MEMPHIS BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST. LOUIS, MO / P. O. BOX 407 / MEMPHIS, TENN. 38101 / 0 [9.5 X 19 in. eBay 6-23]

A lousy picture of an unusual bag with no postal code.

Example seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT
BAG WHEN OPENING
RETURN TO
FEDERAL
RESERVE BANK
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN



The postal zip code system was implemented on July 1, 1963, indicating that this bag predates 1963.



Examples Seen:

- 2 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / MINNEAPOLIS 2. MINN. [7.25 x 14.5 in. PCS]
- **4** / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / MINNEAPOLIS 2. MINN. [8.5 X 14 in. PCS*] *Photo of bag in author's collection.
- 5 / Please do not cut / Bag when opening / Return to / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / MINNEAPOLIS 2. MINN. [9 x 17.75 in. PCS]
- 7A / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / MINNEAPOLIS 2. MINN.
- 12 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / MINNEAPOLIS 2. MINN.

Example seen:

4 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / MINNEAPOLIS, MINN 55440 [Size 9×14.25 inches; eBay 12-24]





Example Seen:

4 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. / 55440 [8.5 X15 in. PCS]

7B/PLEASE DO NOT CUT/BAG WHEN OPENING/RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. / **55440** [11×20 inches; eBay 12-24]

The bank mailing address is 55480. The physical address is 55401.



Example Seen:

- **4** / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. / 55480 [8 x 14.25 in. PCS*] *Photo of bag in author's collection.
- 5 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. / 55480 [8 x 17 in. eBay 3-23]
- **7B** / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. / 55480 $[11 \times 20 \text{ in. eBay } 3-23]$
- 12 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. / 55480 [12 x 28 in. eBay 3-23]



Example Seen:

6 / RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / Minneapolis, Minn. [8 x 14.5 in. eBay 3-23]

Nashville Branch of Atlanta FRB

These bags do not mention Atlanta.

No. 3

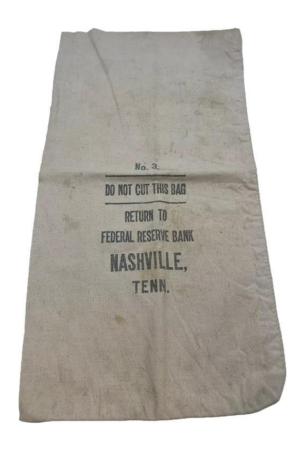
DO NOT CUT THIS BAG

RETURN TO

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

NASHVILLE,

TENN.



Example Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT THIS BAG / RETURN TO / NASHVILLE BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / NASHVILLE, TENN. / 3½ [Size 11 x 17.5 in. eBay 12-24]



Nashville Branch of Atlanta FRB







Examples Seen:

Return to / NASHVILLE BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ATLANTA / NASHVILLE, TENN. [eBay 3-23]

Return to / NASHVILLE BRANCH / Federal Reserve Bank / of Atlanta / NASHVILLE, TENN. [eBay 3-23]

Return To / Nashville Branch / Federal Reserve / Bank of Atlanta / Nashville, Tenn. [eBay 3-23]

New Orleans Branch of Atlanta FRB

Perhaps a lousy photo is better than no photo.



Example Seen:

No. 4 / DO NOT CUT THIS BAG / RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / NEW ORLEANS / LOUISIANA

New York FRB - 2



Example Seen:

THIS BAG IS PROPERTY OF / AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF NEW YORK / PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG WHEN OPENING $[9 \times 12 \text{ in. PCS}]$

This bag is the Property of
And Should be Returned to
The
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK

Please Do Not Cut Bag When Opening

This Bag Is The Property of And Should Be Returned To
The
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK

Please Do Not Cut Bag When Opening

Example Seen: 16 x 28 inches [eBay 12-24]

New York FRB - 2, Bonds

SEAL WITHIN LINES

THIS BAG IS PROPERTY OF AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF NEW YORK
SAVINGS BOND DEPARTMENT

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG WHEN OPENING



Standard Bag with "SAVINGS BOND DEPT" red stamp.



THIS BAG IS PROPERTY OF AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

SAVINGS BOND DEPT

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG WHEN OPENING

(13.5 X 22 in., eBay 6-23)

New York FRB - 2, Checks

Example seen:

Standard bag with stamp "CHECK DEPT."



New York FRB - 2, Red

Example Seen:

THIS BAG IS THE PROPERTY OF AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG WHEN OPENING

[8 x 14 in.] Image from eBay 3-23.

[11 x18 in. eBay 6-23]

Minor varieties exist.

Example Seen:

THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO

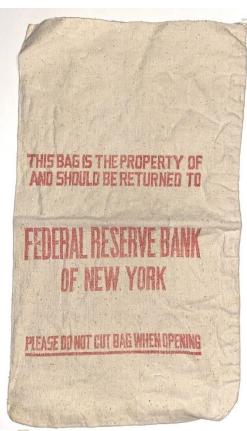
The

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

of New York

Please Do Not Cut Bag When Opening

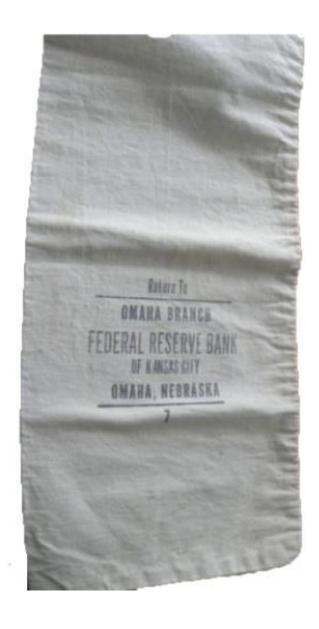
[10 x 17 in.] Image from eBay 3-23.





Omaha Branch of Kansas City FRB





Example Seen:

RETURN TO / OMAHA BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF KANSAS CITY / OMAHA, NEBRASKA / 1 [5.5 x 11 in. eBay 3-23]

RETURN TO / OMAHA BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF KANSAS CITY / OMAHA, NEBRASKA / 7 [eBay 3-23]

Omaha Branch of Kansas City FRB





PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / OMAHA BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF KANSAS CITY / OMAHA, NEBRASKA / $\bf 5$ [eBay 3-23]

Return To / OMAHA BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF KANSAS CITY / OMAHA, NEBRASKA / 5 [eBay 3-23]

Philadelphia FRB - 3

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Image from eBay 5-23





RETURN TO

FEDERAL

RESERVE BANK

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

<u>No 6</u>

[9.5 x 19 inches; eBay 12-24]

[Also seen No 5 with MB logo mark; eBay 12-24]

Philadelphia FRB - 3





There is a variety of No. 4 with an MB logo mark.

Examples Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / OF / PHILADELPHIA / No. 4 [7 x 15]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / PHILADELPHIA, PA. / No. 4 [9 x 18]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / PHILADELPHIA, PA. / No. 5 [11 x 19]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / PHILADELPHIA, PA. / No. 5½[8 x 17.5]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / PHILADELPHIA, PA. / No. 6 (13 x 23)

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / PHILADELPHIA, PA. / No. 7 [11 x 24]

Philadelphia FRB - 3, Checks

TO BE USED FOR
CHECKS ONLY
PLEASE NO NOT CUT
BAG WHEN OPENING
RETURN TO

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF
PHILADELPHIA

CHECK DEPARTMENT No. 7

[Size: 19.5 x 28 in. eBay 12-24]



Philadelphia FRB - 3, Special



Obviously. This bag is folded with only bottom half showing.



Examples seen:

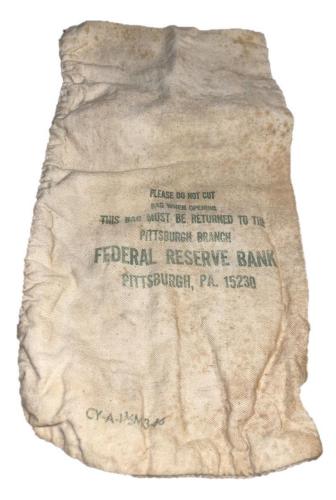
PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / PHILADELPHIA, PA. / FISCAL AGENCY DEPARTMENT / 3

TO BE USED FOR / CHECKS ONLY / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF / PHILADELPHIA / DEPT. OF COLLECTIONS / NO. 6½ [15.75 x 26 in. eBay 3-23]

TO BE USED FOR / CHECKS ONLY / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF / PHILADELPHIA / DEPT. OF COLLECTIONS / NO. 7 [19.5 x 26 in. eBay 12-24]

Pittsburgh Branch of Cleveland FRB, Green





Examples Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT/ BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG MUST BE RETURED TO THE / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF / PITTSBURGH 30, PA. / CY-A / 6½M-11-51 [7.5 x 13 inches; eBay 3-23]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT/ BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG MUST BE RETURED TO THE / PITTSBURG BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / PITTSBURGH, PA. 15230 / CY-A 1½M 3-66 [eBay 3-23]

Pittsburgh Branch of Cleveland FRB, Blue



Examples Seen:

No. 2 / PLEASE RETURN / TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / PITTSBURGH 30, PA. [eBay 3-23]

No.1 / PLEASE RETURN / TO / PITTSBURGH
BRANCH / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / PITTSBURGH 30, PA [eBay 12-24]



Richmond FRB-5





Examples Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / Return To / Federal Reserve Bank / Richmond. Va. / No. 1 [7 x 14 eBay 3-23]
PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / RICHMOND, VA. / No. 1 [5.25 x 9.25]
PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / RICHMOND, VA. / No. 2 [7 x 15 eBay]
PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / RICHMOND, VA. / No. 3 [10 x 16 eBay]
PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / RICHMOND, VA. / No. 4 [11 x 19 eBay]
PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / RICHMOND, VA. / No. 9 [10 x 14 eBay]
PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / RICHMOND, VA. / No. 9 [10 x 14 eBay]
PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / RICHMOND, VA. / No. 12 [11 x 21.5 eBay 3-23]

Richmond FRB - 5, Special





Examples Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT/BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / Federal Reserve Bank / SAVINGS BOND DIVISION / RICHMOND, VA. / NO. 9 [9 \times 15 inches; eBay 12-24]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT/BAG WHEN OPENING / RETURN TO / Federal Reserve Bank / RICHMOND, VA. / NO. 24 / SAVINGS BOND DIV. [eBay 3-23]

St. Louis FRB - 8

Example Seen:

11-75 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST. LOUIS / P. O.BOX 442 / ST. LOUIS. MO. 63166 / H [eBay 3-23]

5-66 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST. LOUIS / P. 0.BOX 442 / ST. LOUIS. MO. 63166 / J [eBay 3-23]

7-72 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST. LOUIS / P. 0.BOX 442 / ST. LOUIS. MO. 63166 / J [9 x 15.5 PCS]



6-74 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST. LOUIS / P. 0.BOX 442 / ST. LOUIS. MO. 63166 / J [eBay 3-23]

11-75 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST. LOUIS / P. 0.BOX 442 / ST. LOUIS. MO. 63166 / J [8 x 15 in. eBay 3-23]

6-79 / CODE # 3 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST. LOUIS / P. 0.BOX 442 / ST. LOUIS. MO. 63101 / J [9 x 15.5 in. PCS]

CODE # 4 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG / WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST. LOUIS / P. 0.BOX 442 / ST. LOUIS. MO. 63101 / K [eBay 12-24]

6-74 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST. LOUIS / P. 0.BOX 442 / ST. LOUIS. MO. 63166 / L [eBay 3-23]

11-75 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST. LOUIS / P. 0.BOX 442 / ST. LOUIS. MO. 63166 / M

11-73 / PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF ST. LOUIS / P. 0.BOX 442 / ST. LOUIS. MO. 63166 / 0 [eBay 3-23]

Example Seen: Image from eBay 12-24

This was described by the seller as a small bag.

PLEASE DO NOT CUT
BAG WHEN OPENING
THIS BAG SHOULD BE
RETURNED TO THE
FEDERAL
RESERVE BANK
SAN FRANCISCO.
1





PLEASE DO NOT CUT
BAG WHEN OPENING
THIS BAG SHOULD BE
RETURNED TO
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF SAN FRANCISCO
B

[eBay 12-24]

Example Seen:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Also Seen:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF SAN FRANCISCO / C / 3-60

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF SAN FRANCISCO / CX/ B







Two bags with the same date code may have different print pattern

Example Seen:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

C1 X

Image from eBay 4-23.

Also seen:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF SAN FRANCISCO / C / 3-60

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF SAN FRANCISCO / X / B





Example Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG WHEN OPENING THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO

FEDERAL
RESERVE BANK
OF
SAN FRANCISCO

4

[6.75 x 15 in. Image from eBay 3-23]

Example seen with serifs:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT BAG WHEN OPENING

THIS BAG SHOULD BE RETURNED TO

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

> 10 5-70

[18 x 30 in. Image from eBay 4 -23]

San Francisco FRB - 12, Two Color

Examples seen:



PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / OF / SAN FRANCISCO, / 1 / (2-60) [5 X 9.5 in. eBay 3-23]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / OF / SAN FRANCISCO, / 3 / **3-70** [5.5 x 12 in. eBay 4-23]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT/BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL / RESERVE BANK / OF / SAN FRANCISCO, / 5 / **8-72** [8 x 15 in. eBay 4-23]

Example Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT **BAG WHEN OPENING** THIS BAG SHOULD BE





RETURNED TO

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO W-0 (2-59)

[7.5 x 16 in. eBay 3-23] An unusual round-bottom bag.

San Francisco FRB - 12, Two Color

Examples Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF SAN **FRANCISCO / B / 3-65** [9 x 16.5 in. eBay 3-23]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF SAN FRANCISCO / B / 12-69 [9 x 16.5 in. eBay 3-23]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF SAN FRANCISCO / B / 1-74 [8 x 16 in. eBay 3-23]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF SAN FRANCISCO / C / 10-60 [10 x 17 in. eBay 3-23]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF SAN FRANCISCO / C / 9-63 [12 x 19 in. PCS]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF SAN FRANCISCO / C / 7-73 [11.5 x 19 in. PCS]

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF SAN FRANCISCO / W-D / (5-57) [10.25 X 15.5 in. PCS] Bottom sewn 7 x 2.5 in. to produce flat bottom. (The only one I have seen!)

PLEASE DO NOT CUT / BAG WHEN OPENING / THIS BAG SHOULD BE / RETURNED TO / FEDERAL RESERVE BANK / OF SAN FRANCISCO / 6 [11 x 14 in. eBay 3-23]

Other examples of size and date codes:

B / **5-64** [eBay 3-23] **C** / **3-66** [eBay 3-23] **C** / **9-69** [eBay 3-23] **C** / **8-72** [eBay 3-23] **C** / **2-73** [10.5 x 18 in. eBay 3-23]

TREASURER

Example Seen:

RETURN TO The Treasurer U. S. Washington, D.C.

[10 x18.5 in.] Image from Heritage 7/15/2022, lot 4390.





Example Seen:

PLEASE DO NOT CUT
THIS BAG WHEN OPENING

U.S. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

RETURN TO THE TREASURER, U. S. WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

[11 x 21 in. PCS*] *Image of bag in author's collection.

U. S. TREASURY - CENTS

Example Seen:

Treasury Dep't
CENTS
\$5
Washington, D.C.

Image from eBay 3-23.





Treasury Dep't
CENTS
\$10
Washington, D.C.

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